Statement

(Figures in lakh Rupees)

State	Cane price dues upto 31st, March 1986.
Andhra Pradesh	961.60
Assam	0.38
Bihar	1627.18
Goa	43.70
Gujarat	715.28
Haryana	459.61
Karnataka	767.03
Kerala	0.85
Madhya Pradesh	131.19
Maharashtra	3459.27
Nagaland	11.46
Orrisa	65.12
Pondichery	59.38
Punjab	321.62
Rajasthan	4.84
Tamil Nadu	1283.86
Uttar Pradesh	3951.00
West Bengal	10.78
ALL INDIA	13874.15

Upto 31st March, the percentage of cane price arrears to the total cane price dues in 1985-86 season is 10.8 as against 12.5 for the same date last year.

Safety measures in Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad

*114. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE :
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the violation of safety measures in Bharat Electronics Limited, a Government of India enterprise, at Ghaziabad;

(b) whether any representations/complaints have been received by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what action has been taken in the matter; and

(e) if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) According to information received from the Ministry of Defence, the employees working in the Transmitter hanger of Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad had represented to their Management expressing their apprehensions regarding the adequacy of the safeguards provided in the transmitter of one of the radars against X-ray and microwave radiations and other hazards. Newspaper reports making various allegations have also appeared in this regard.

Government have examined the matter in consultation with BEL Management. The apprehensions are misconceived. Safeguards are stated to have been provided in the equipment design against all possible radiation hazards. The adequacy of the protection against X-rays and microwave radiation has been verified by experts of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre who have certified that the installation is safe for operating personnel. As a measure of caution, however, four employees working close to the Transmitter have also been medically examined by BARC, including chromosome analysis which has confirmed that none of them has been exposed to any X-ray radiation and that no abnormalities have been noticed in the other clinical tests.

Export of iron ore from Visakhapatnam Port

*115. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of iron ore exported during 1985 and so far during 1986 from Visakhapatnam Port;